(c) Following steps have been taken by the Railways to shortening the waiting lists and to cut down refunds:

(i) Developing additional seating capacity in trains by introducing new regular trains.

(ii) Running special trains during rush periods such as vacations, festivals and important events etc.

(iii) Enhancing the load of well patronized trains to the maximum to meet the demand.

(iv) Attaching additional coaches in trains to clear waiting list.

New railway line between Guwahati and Jogihopa

703. KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is long standing demand for the construction of new railway line between Guwahati and Jogihopa *via* Barpeta-Hajo-Sualkuchi;

(b) whether Government would consider the survey of such a railway line within current financial year in the greater interest of development of tourism and economy; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Available records do not indicate such demand.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Upgradation of Nagpur station

704. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recent study of Nagpur railway station has opined construction of at least five more platforms at that station to cope up with the increasing load;

(b) if so, whether upgradation of Nagpur station to world class would ensure that five more, *i.e.* a total of 12 platforms would be available; and

(c) whether request of the Federation of Investors, Traders and Industries, to start new trains from Nagpur be implemented during 2008-09?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. No study of Nagpur station has been conducted by the Railways.

(b) Nagpur has been identified as one of the 26 Railway stations proposed for development into World Class Stations. As far as the number of platforms is concerned, it is difficult to indicate the same as feasibility study has not yet been commissioned.

(c) Based on Public demand the following trains have been introduced which will serve Nagpur:

New Trains introduced:

Sl.No.	Train No.	From	To	Type	Frequency	Date
1.	2135/2136	Pune	Nagpur	Garib Rath	Tri-weekly	19.01.2009
2.	4259/4260	Varanasi	Rameshwaram	Express	Weekly	Upto Chennai from 8.2.09
3.	2849/2850	Bilaspur	Pune	Express	Weekly	3.7.08
4.	2119/2120	Amravati	Nagpur	Express	5 days	8.9.08

Following trains have also been announced in Railway Budget 2008-09 (**To commence shortly**):

Sl.No.	Train No.	From	To	Type	Frequency
1.	2879/2880	Bhubaneshwar	Lokmanya Tilak (T)	Express	Bi-weekly
2.	2389/2390	Gaya	Chennai	Express	weekly

Extension:

Sl.No	Train No.	From	To	Type	Upto	Date of extension
1.	2855/2856	Nagpur	Raipur	Express	Bilaspur	1.7.2008
2.	2409/2410	Nizamuddin	Bilaspur	Gondwana Express	Raigarh	25.2.2008
3.	2139/2140	Nagpur	Dadar (T)	Sewagram Express	Mumbai CST	14.12.08

Frequency:

Sl.No.	Train No.	From	To	Type	From	To	Date of increasing
1	2151/2152	Lokmanya Tilak (T)	Howrah	Samrasta Express	1	2	29.1.2009

Increase in diseases

†705.SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a sharp rise in the serious diseases like cancer, diabetes and heart disease etc. in the country during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details of patients for the last three years, disease-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) : (a) and (b) Health being a state subject, such information/data is not

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.